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District Attorney Announces Significant Sentence in Shaughnessy Case

AUSTIN, TX -- Today, the Travis County District Attorney's Office announced that Nick Shaughnessy and Arieon Smith have both taken responsibility for the death of Theodore Shaughnessy. Each defendant pled to take a significant prison sentence – 35 years each. Neither will be eligible for parole for almost 20 years, until they are 40 and 41 respectively, and if denied parole they will be spending the next three and a half decades incarcerated. The office was asked by the wife of the victim to be lenient, however, the office determined this sentence to be appropriate. In addition, there is a third defendant in this case. That case is still pending.

“Our office takes violent crimes like this one, that make our community less safe, very seriously,” said Travis County District Attorney José Garza. “My deepest sympathies go out to the family of Theodore Shaughnessy for their loss.”

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